

Article XV, page 52, the Constitution of the State of Nebraska says no bill shall contain more than one subject and the same shall be clearly expressed in the title. LB 419 has had four bills, four complete separate pieces of legislation, amended into the bill and they are not in any manner connected with the original bill, which provide its qualifications for certified nursing assistants. LB 346, which requires records on insurance companies, has been amended into the bill. LB 394, waive exclusions about health insurance pools for medically handicapped children, has been amended into the bill; LB 537, Employers Health Insurance Act; LB 538, another Health Insurance Act; LB 835, change provisions for Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Program; and LB 365, payment of interest on proceeds from a life insurance policy. This is, quite frankly, unconstitutional. To get my vote, I have one vote, I support some of these issues, some I don't, but to get the votes that I do support I would have to vote for all of them. I have a research paper done by Dr. Jack Rodgers and he says, not making any judgment regarding the current bill, if a bill would be passed that addressed more than one subject, a court would not hesitate to invalidate it on this ground. I have a motion up there, members of the body and Mr. President, to return LB 419 and strike all of the amendments that have been added and to pass the original bill, so I would like to ask that you do not vote to return to LB 419 for this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hall, did you wish to address this?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, did you wish to address the motion to return?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Senator Baack. Senator Haberman, are you sure you don't need to go back to the Mayo Clinic for some more work? I think maybe that'd be helpful. Glad to have you back, but you missed the discussion on the bill, I think, and that discussion talked about this package all dealing with the same subject, health insurance; they all come back to the same title that will be changed by E & R. The subject matter is all tied together, there's really not a problem. I know there was no problem when we amended it. I don't know what your objection is to any particular parts of the bill. The bills came out of